

**BUTLER TOWNSHIP MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
JAN. 27, 2020**

Call-to-Order 7 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Supervisor Gary Smith, Treasurer Deb Bracy, Trustee Chris Brenner, Trustee Janis Olney, Clerk Linda Hammontree. None absent. Others present: Valerie White, John + Billie Pollack Eileen VanVleet, Erica Ewers, Betty Geer, Kolleen Geer, Velma + J.A. Cole, Gary Hammontree, Rod Olney and Matt Ashenfelter.

Public Participation: Valerie White, Branch County Prosecuting Attorney, came to introduce herself to Butler Township residents. Commissioner and Sheriff Reports on file.

Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve Dec. 2019 minutes. Approved.

Treasurer's Report-Deb Bracy: General Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$68,311.78. Receipts: \$75,446.07. Expenditures: \$(121,927.84). Approximate balance @ 12/31/19 \$40,000. Perpetual Care Fund: Beginning balance @ 4/01/19 \$867.73. Receipts: \$16.87. Expenditures: \$(15.90). Balance @ 12/31/19 \$868.70. Motion by Smith/Brenner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Accounts Payable-Deb Bracy. Motion by Brenner/Olney to approve payment of the bills. Approved.

Check#	Payee	Reason	Amount
5984	Branch County Treasurer	2019 Tax Collection Bond	\$ 4.53
5985	DMCI Broadband, LLC	Annual Domain Fee Twp. Website	26.58
5986	Linda Hammontree	Shipping, Postage, and Ink	112.19
5987	Double E Enterprises	Assessing Services	872.00
5988	Litchfield Fire Dept.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr. Fire Protection	2491.22
5989	Deborah Bracy	W-2 Forms and Ink	100.98
5990	Branch County Treasurer	2019 B-O-R Changes	14.75
5991	Sheets LP Gas	Twp. Hall Propane Fill	+ 168.03
Total of bills paid			= \$ 3790.28

Zoning Administrator Report-Matt Ashenfelter: 4 Permits issued-(Wolfe) Carport-\$25, (Renner) Pole Barn-\$25, (Eicher) Addition AG Bldg.-\$50, (Robinson) Pole Barn-\$25. In process-Special Use Permit (Landis) Convert AG Bldg. to Food Storage-\$225. Violation: (Vanwyk) Structures built without permits. Non-compliant Excessive abandoned/junk vehicle (Bayliss). Motion by Hammontree/Olney to approve Zoning Report. Approved.

**Assessor's Report-Erica Ewers: March 2020 Board-of-Review: Organizational Meeting –Tues. Mar.3, 2020 9 AM. Day 1: Monday, Mar. 9, 2020 9AM-NOON, 1PM-4PM, and 6PM-9PM. Day 2: Thurs. Mar. 12, 2020 9AM-NOON. Poverty Guidelines presented to the Board. Motion by Olney/Bracy to approve 2020 Poverty Guidelines. Approved. Personal Property, Veteran, and Poverty Exemption paperwork mailed. Alternative Energy Systems owners have been sent an exemption notification letter. Data entry up-to-date. Continued collection of data from Equalization, Building Inspection and Branch County Abstract & Title office. Motion by Brenner/Bracy to approve Assessor's Report. Approved.**

**Tekonsha and Litchfield Fire Departments 2020 Fire Protection Contracts: Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve 1 yr. Fire Protection Contract (7/01/2020—6/30/2021) with Litchfield Fire Department of \$10,162. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy NAY Olney NAY Hammontree AYE. With 3 aye 2 nay, motion carried. Motion by Brenner/Hammontree to approve 1 yr. Fire Protection Contract (7/01/2020 – 6/30/2021) with Tekonsha Fire Department (Tekonsha Twp.) of \$5250. Roll Call Vote: Brenner AYE Smith AYE Bracy NAY Olney NAY Hammontree AYE. With 3 aye 2 nay, motion carried.**

**Other matters: Ck# 095288 \$654.80 from Coldwater Community Schools, reimbursement for Nov. 2019 Election (receipt #835014). Ck# 034132 \$654.79 from Tekonsha Community Schools, reimbursement for Nov. 2019 Election (receipt #835015). Motion by Smith/Bracy to notify Coldwater Board of Public Utilities that Butler Township will not participate in the 2020 Household Hazardous Waste event (\$33 per participant fee). Approved. Township Board to seek an Alternate for a position on the Board-of-Review. April will be the time to apply for Board-of-Review training Grant money.**

**Meeting adjourned - 7:38 P.M.**

**Submitted by Clerk Linda D. Hammontree**

**Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_**

